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For: OPTICAL PICKUP SPHERICAL
ABERRATION COMPENSATING
METHOD OPTICAL PICKUP, SPHERICAL
ABERRATION FOCUS OFFSET
COMPENSATING METHOD, AND
OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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The document cited and provided herewith was cited in a Japanese Office Action on 22 November 2005 in an application corresponding to this application (a copy of the Japanese Office Action, dated 22 November 2005 and an English language translation thereof are attached hereto).

Further, Applicants respectfully note that JP 2000-40237 and JP 2002-342952 referred to on pages 2-3 of the attached Japanese Office Action were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on 10 February 2005 in this application. Therefore, copies of the latter documents are not being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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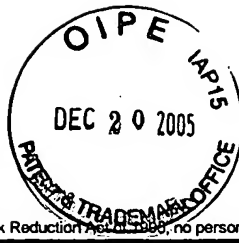
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